



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN GERMAIN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 20730 Germain Street, Chatsworth, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 2 to April 1, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Germain Street Elementary School (site) in Chatsworth. Methane gas was detected under the school during environmental investigations conducted at the site. There is currently a monitoring and venting system at the school, but additional activities are being proposed to upgrade the system and to install three additional vent wells. These activities are planned to begin in April 2006.

DTSC is responsible for overseeing environmental investigations and cleanup actions of proposed sites for new schools and existing school expansion projects throughout the state.

DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE states that the cleanup project will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment because of the relatively small volume and short project duration.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The public has the opportunity to submit comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within 30 days of this notice. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the proposed activities must be submitted in writing to: Aldo Chaney, DTSC Project Manager, School Property Evaluation and Cleanup Division, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California 91201. Comments must be postmarked by April 1, 2006.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the City of Los Angeles Public Library, Chatsworth Branch, 21052 Devonshire St., CA 91311; and Germain Street Elementary School, 20730 Germain Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311. All site documents pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office in Glendale at the DTSC address listed above. Records contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886. For more information about DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846; Mr. Aldo Chaney, DTSC Project Manager at (818) 551-2972, or Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Media Contact (818) 551-2173.